

intentions, and which subsequent events were calculated to confirm. *I* have already had the honor, Sire, in my letters of 19th November, and 8th December, 1810, to make your Majesty acquainted with the situation of Sweden, and her wish to find a protector in your Majesty. She could only attribute your Majesty's silence to an unmerited indifference, and it became her duty to take precautions against the storm which was already to burst upon the Continent. Sire, mankind have already suffered too much; during twenty years the world has been deluged with blood, and all that is necessary to raise your Majesty's glory to the highest pitch is to put a period to these disasters. If your Majesty wishes the King should give the Emperor Alexander to understand that there is a possibility of reconciliation *I* have sufficient faith in the magnanimity of that monarch to venture to assure you that he will readily listen to overtures which would be at once equitable for your Empire and for the North. If ail event so unexpected, and so generally desired, should take place, what blessings would the people of the Continent invoke for your Majesty! Their gratitude would be increased in proportion to the fear now entertained of the return of a scourge which has already made such cruel ravages. One of the happiest moments *J* have known since *I* quitted France was that in which *I* was assured that your Majesty had not entirely forgotten me. You have truly divined my sentiments. You have perceived how deeply they would be wounded by the painful prospect of either seeing the interests of Sweden separated from those of Franco, or of finding myself compelled to sacrifice the interests of a country by which *I* have been adopted with such unlimited confidence. Sire, although a Swede by the obligations of honor, duty, and religion, yet by feeling *I* am still identified with France, my native, country, which *I* have always faithfully served from my boyhood. Every step *I* take in Sweden, and the homage *I* receive here, revolve those recollections of glory to which *I* chiefly owe my elevation, and *I* cannot disguise from myself the fact that Sweden, in choosing me, intended to pay a tribute of esteem to the French people.

This letter throws great light on the conduct of the Emperor with respect to Bernaclotte; for Napoleon was not the man whom any one whatever would have ventured to remind of facts, the accuracy of which was in the least degree questionable. Such then were the relations between Napoleon and the Prince Royal of Sweden. When *I* shall bring to light some curious aeeretn, which have hitherto been veiled beneath the mysteries of the Restoration, it will be seen by what means Napoleon, before his fall, again sought to wreak his vengeance upon Hernodotte.

On the 4th of December *I* had the honor to see the Prin-